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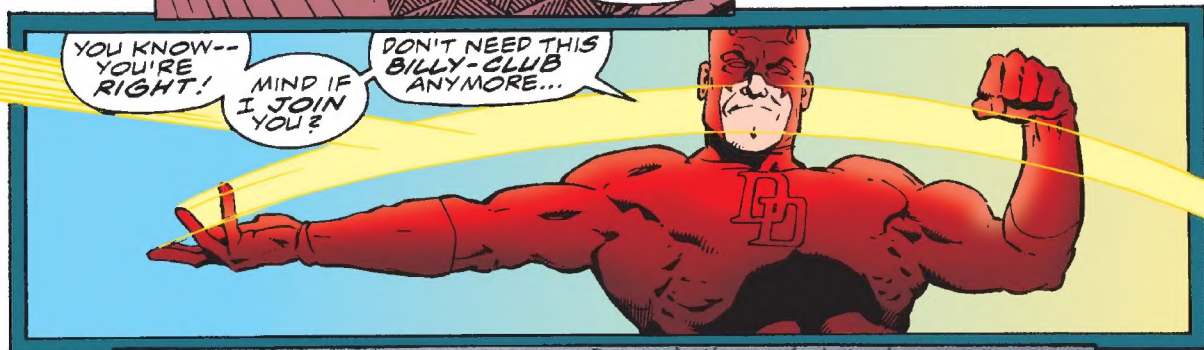
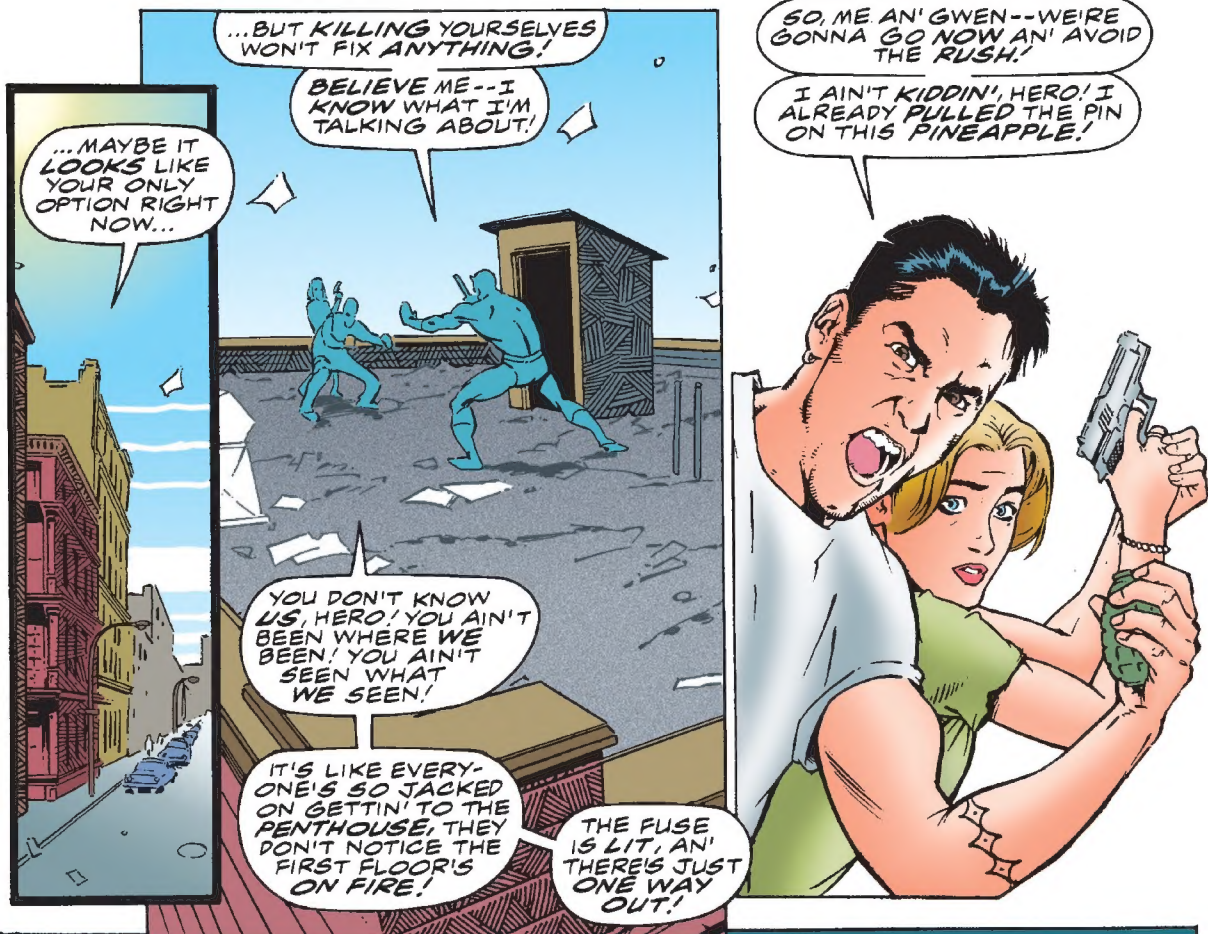
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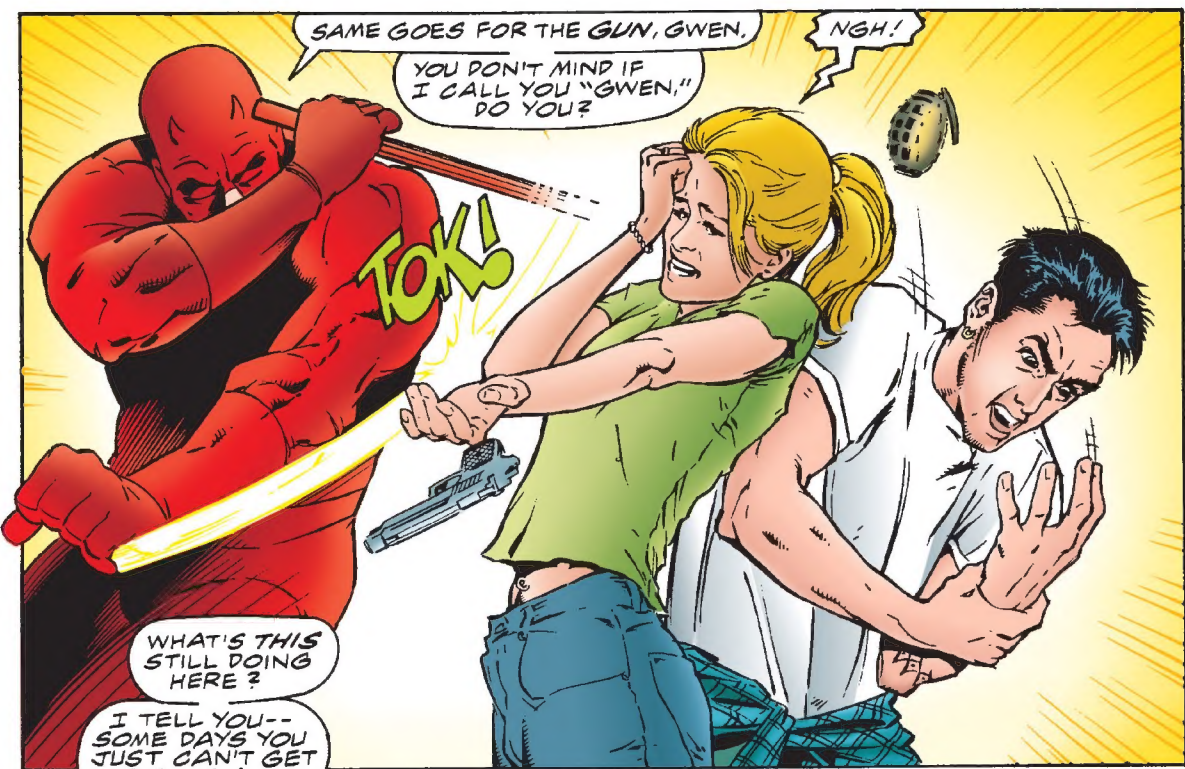
THE RETURN OF THE MURDEROUS
Mr. HYDE!



TRUST
ME...

...SAID THE DEVIL.





SAME GOES FOR THE GUN, GWEN.

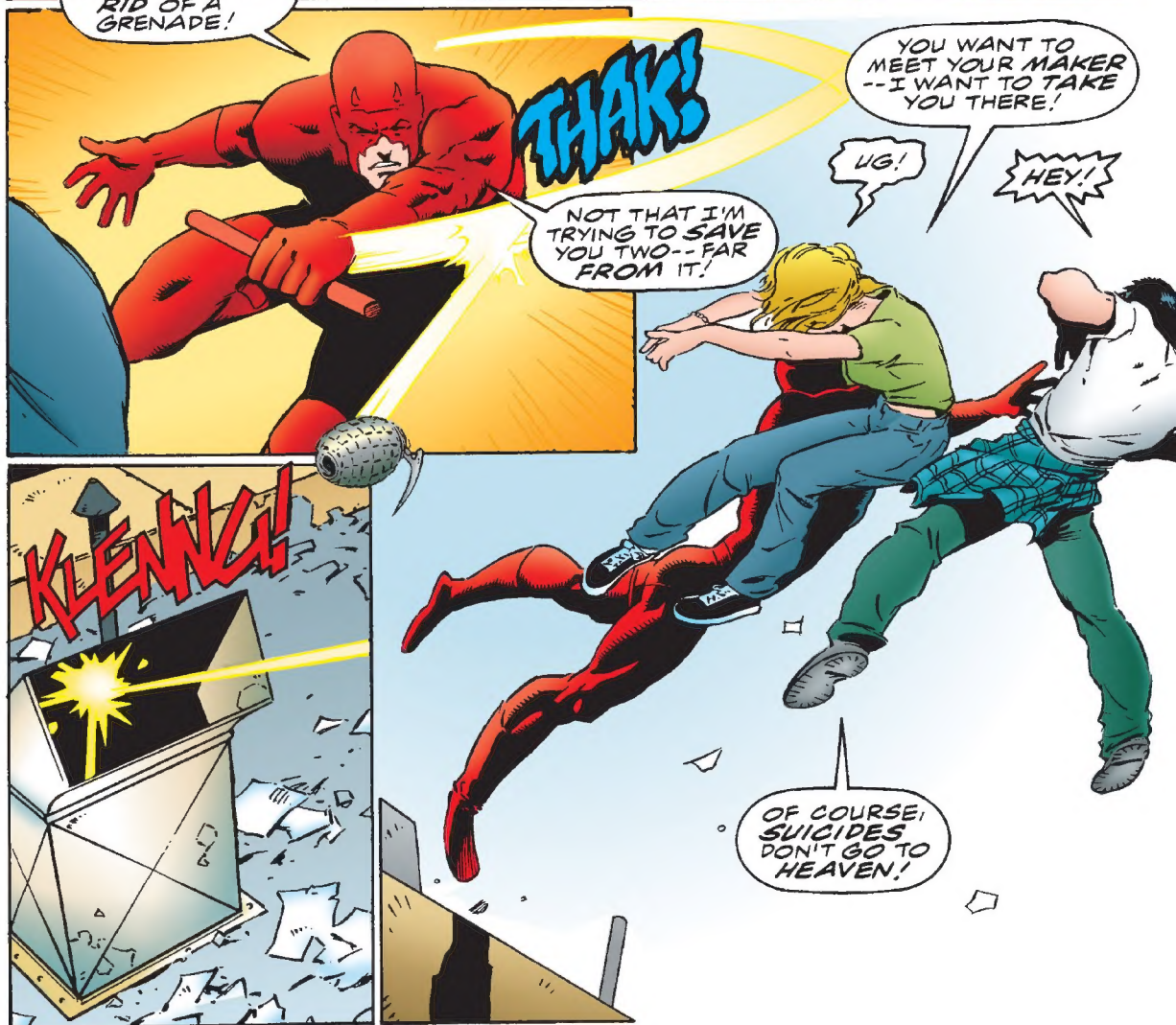
YOU DON'T MIND IF
I CALL YOU "GWEN,"
DO YOU?

NGH!

TOK!

WHAT'S THIS
STILL DOING
HERE?

I TELL YOU--
SOME DAYS YOU
JUST CAN'T GET
RID OF A
GRENADE!



THAK!

NOT THAT I'M
TRYING TO SAVE
YOU TWO-- FAR
FROM IT!

YOU WANT TO
MEET YOUR MAKER
--I WANT TO TAKE
YOU THERE!

UG!

HEY!

KLENNK!

OF COURSE!
SUICIDES
DON'T GO TO
HEAVEN!

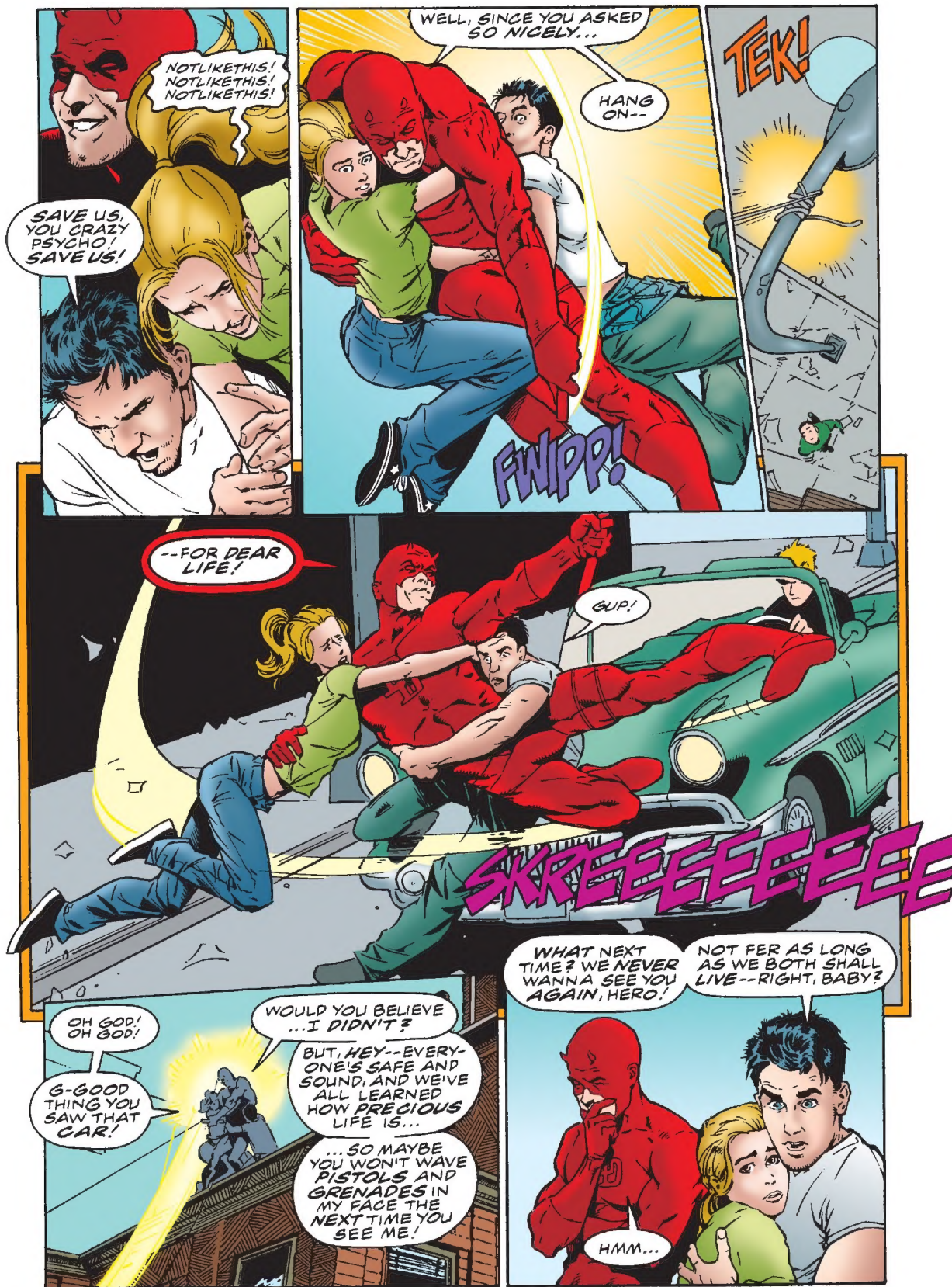
THE DEVIL'S WORK!

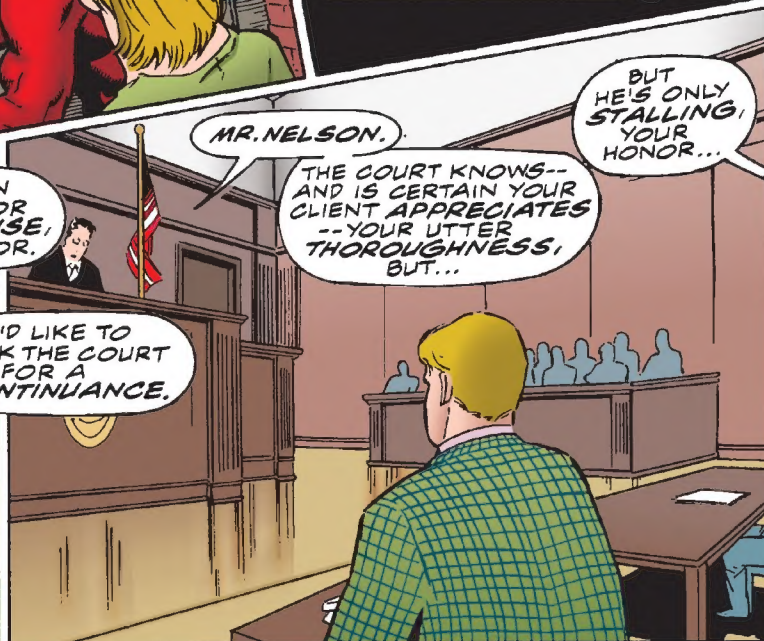
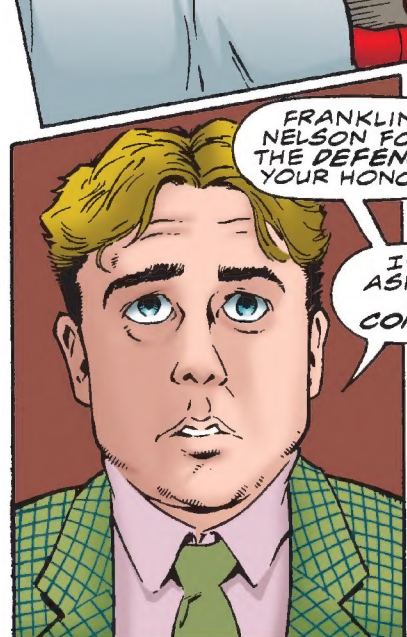
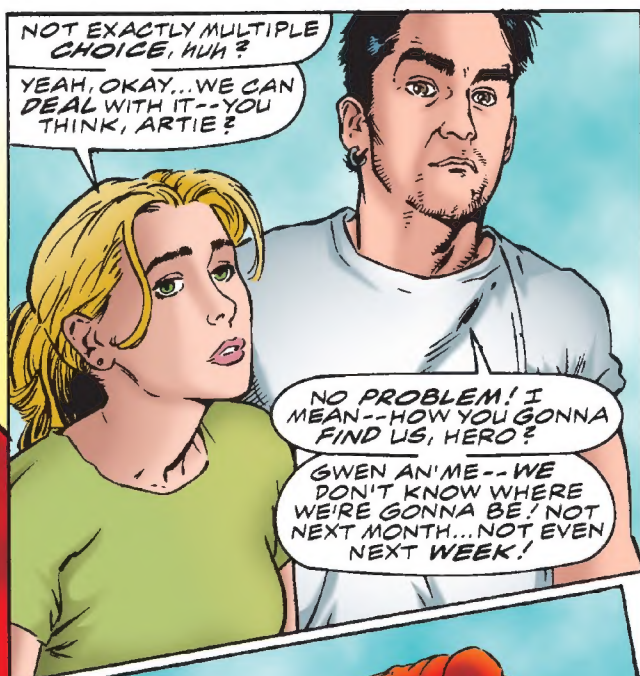
GOING DOWN!

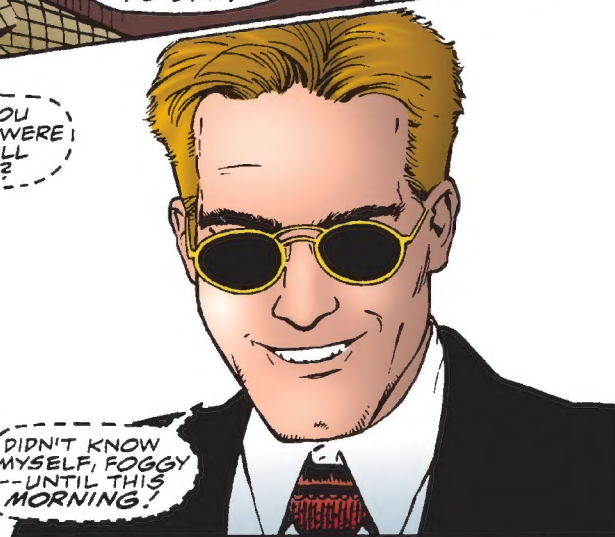
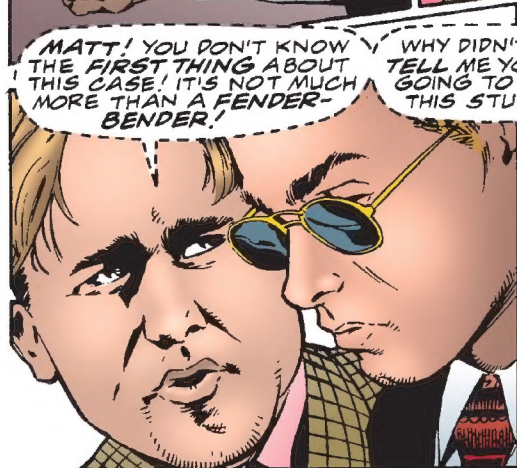
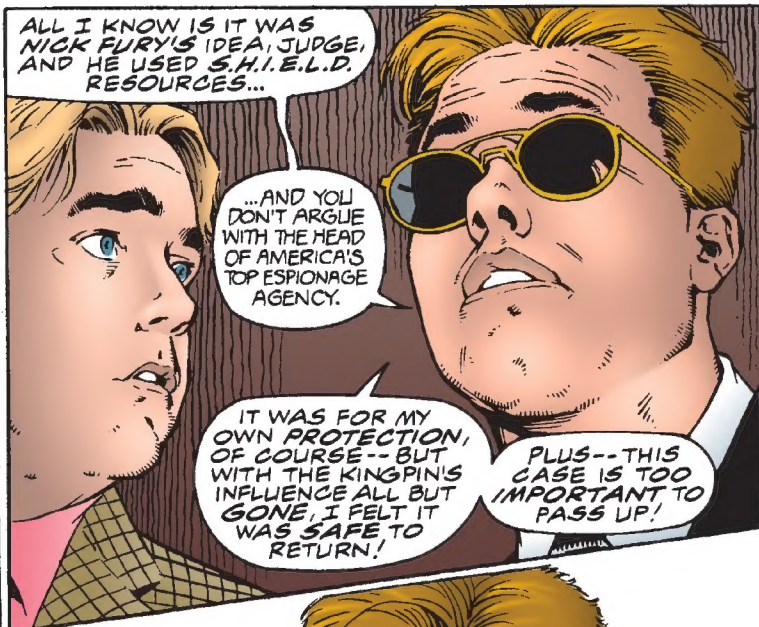
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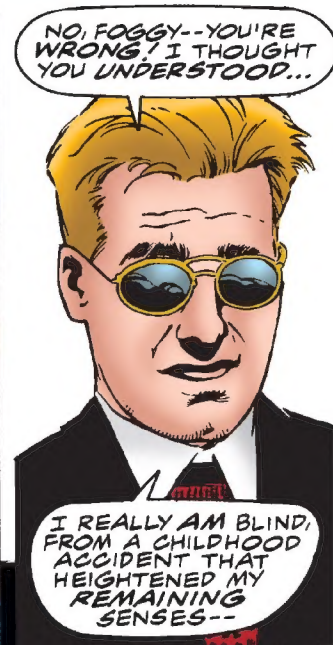
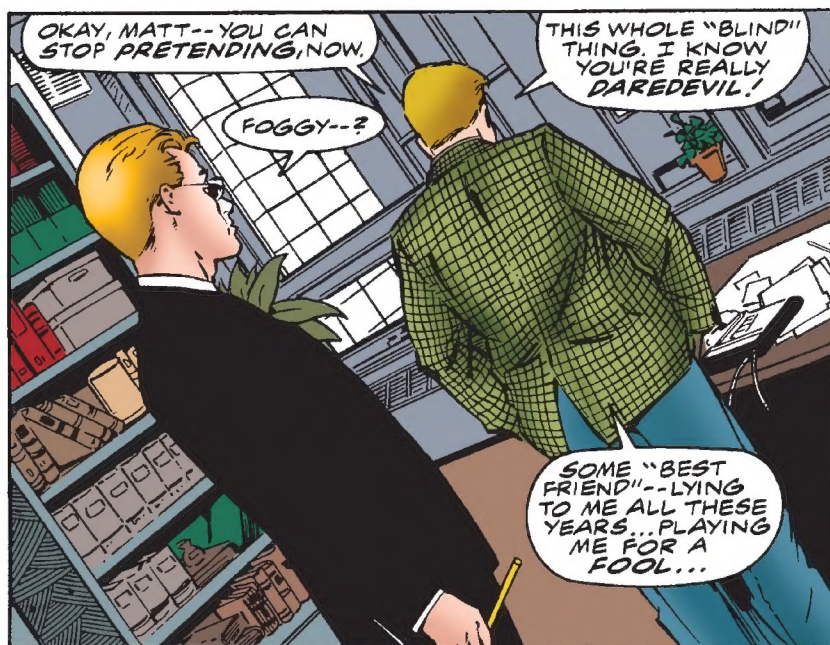
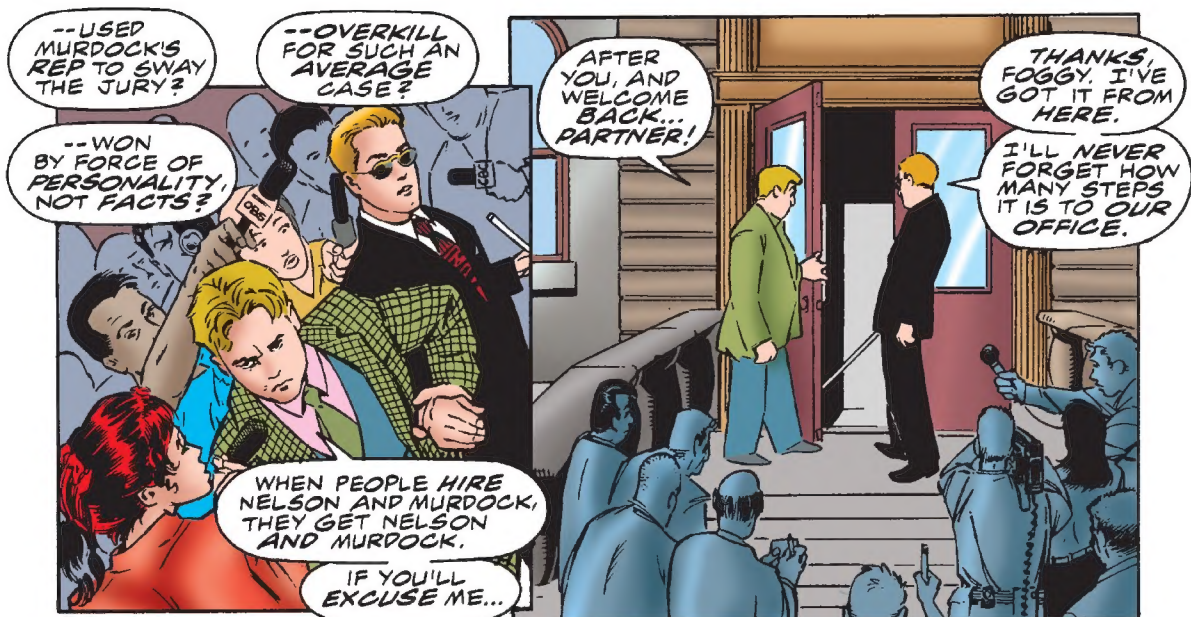
STAN LEE PRESENTS
A NEW ERA FOR THE
SCARLET SWASHBUCKLER
BROUGHT TO YOU BY--
KARL KESEL-- WRITER
CARY NORD-- PENCILLER
MATT RYAN-- INKER
CHRISTIE SCHEELE--COLORIST
JIM NOVAK
UL HIGGINS--LETTERS
MALIBU-- COLOR SEPS
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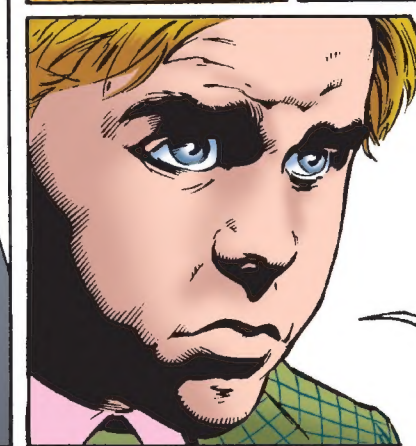
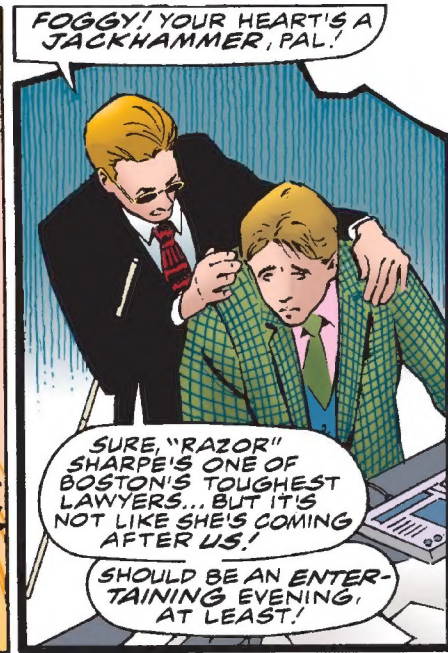
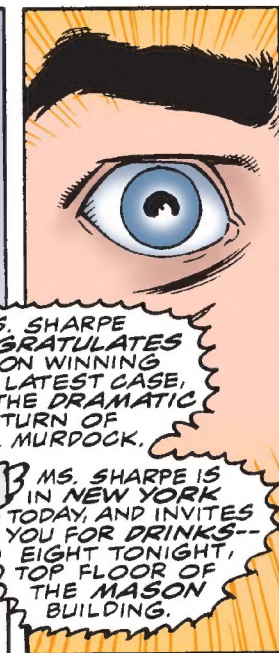
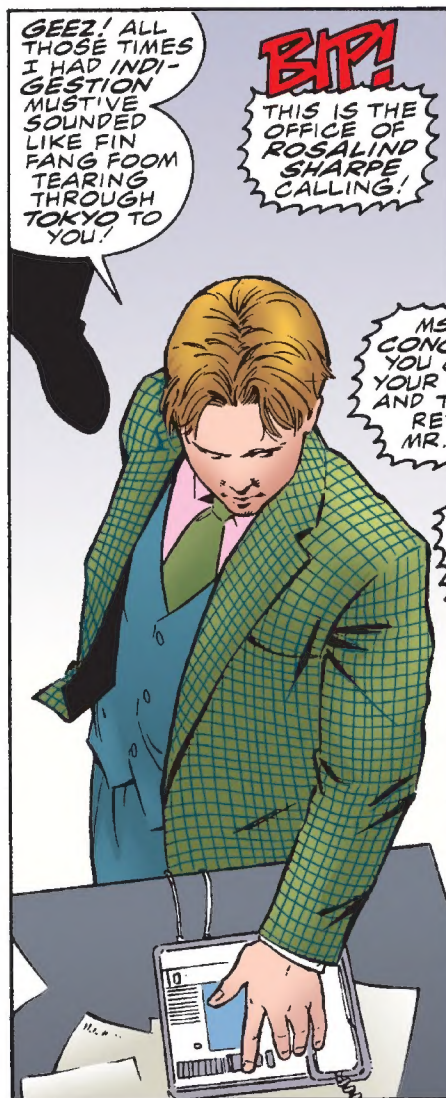
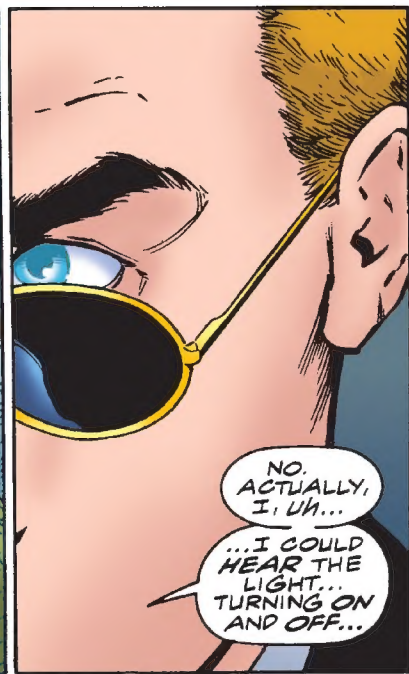
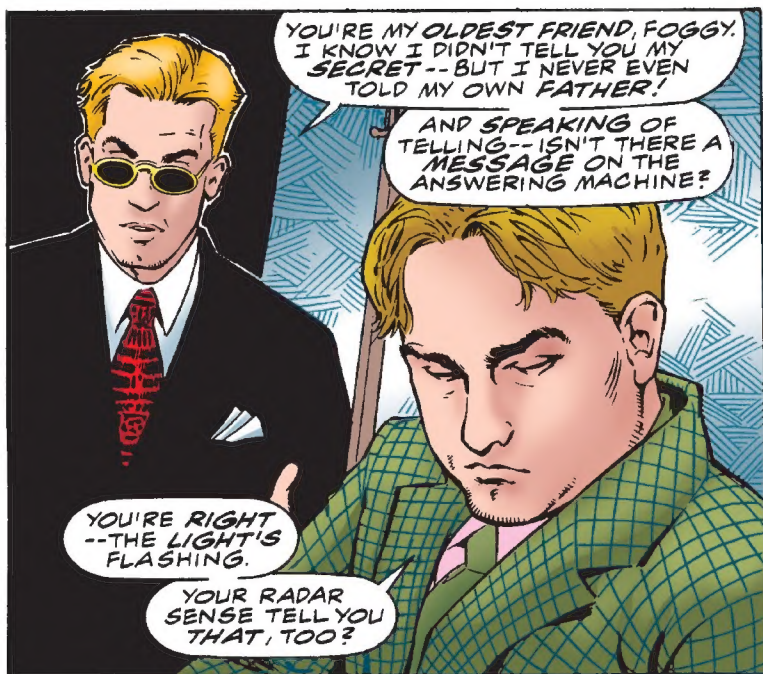
MR. HYDE REDESIGN BY JOHN ROMITA JR.

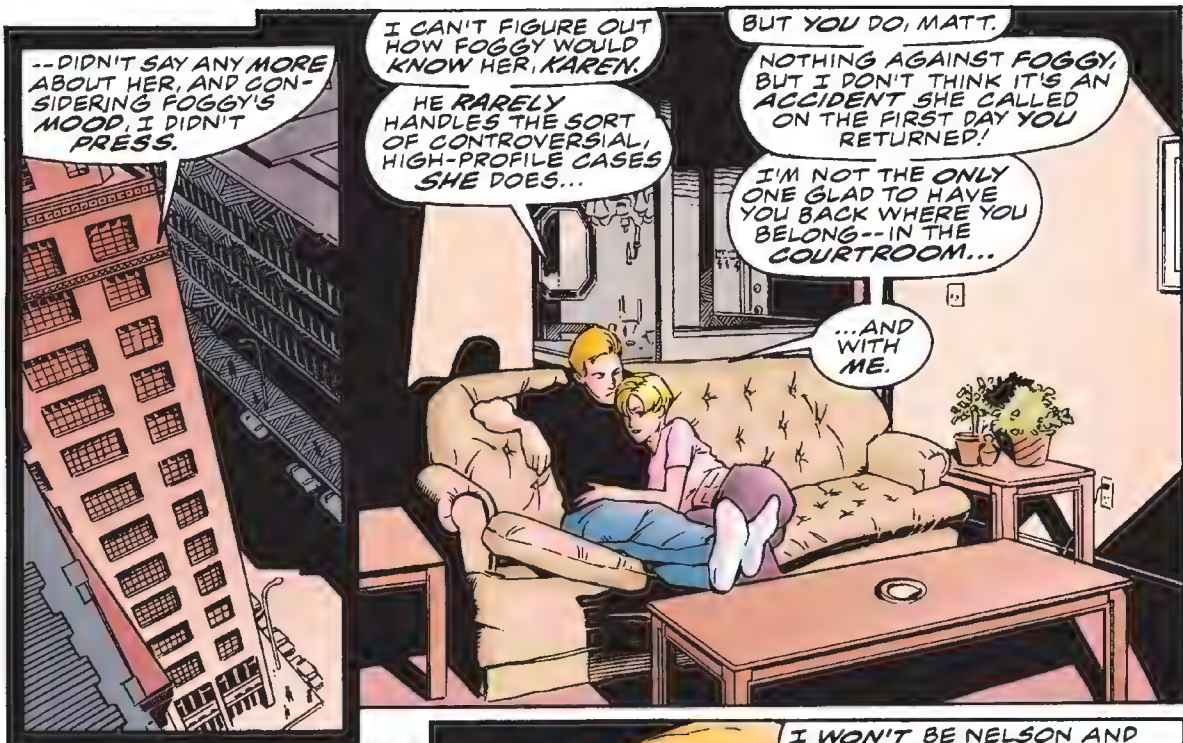












--DIDN'T SAY ANY MORE ABOUT HER, AND CONSIDERING FOGGY'S MOOD, I DIDN'T PRESS.

I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW FOGGY WOULD KNOW HER, KAREN.

HE RARELY HANDLES THE SORT OF CONTROVERSIAL, HIGH-PROFILE CASES SHE DOES...

BUT YOU DO, MATT.

NOTHING AGAINST FOGGY, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S AN ACCIDENT SHE CALLED ON THE FIRST DAY YOU RETURNED!

I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK WHERE YOU BELONG--IN THE COURTROOM...

...AND WITH ME.

NOW IF I COULD ONLY DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH MY OWN LIFE.

I WANT TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE... TOUCH THEIR LIVES, BUT...

MAYBE YOU NEED TO GET BACK TO BASICS, KAREN... TO WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO YOU IN THE PAST.

I WON'T BE NELSON AND MURDOCK'S SECRETARY AGAIN, MATT! AND I WANTED TO BE AN ACTRESS IN THOSE DAYS...

...I WASN'T VERY GOOD AT EITHER...

WELL, I NEVER SAW ANY OF YOUR FILMS, SO--

NOT FUNNY, MATT.

WHAT I DID BACK THEN... TO ME...

...AND YOU...

...WASN'T FUNNY AT ALL.

WE BOTH
WENT THROUGH
SOME DARK TIMES,
KAREN-- BUT
THOSE DAYS ARE
BEHIND US.

WE'RE TOGETHER
AGAIN -- DO YOU KNOW
HOW MUCH THAT
MEANS TO ME?

I'VE NEVER
FORGOTTEN...

...YOUR SKIN
-- SMOOTH AND
SOFT AND SUN-
WARM, SCENTED
WITH LEMON AND
JASMINE...

...YOUR HAIR--
SILK-FINE AND
FEATHER-
GENTLE...

...AND YOUR VOICE--
AS SOOTHING AND
POWERFUL AS WAVES
ON THE ROCKS.

BLUE.

LIKE
A HAZY
SKY?

NO.

MORE LIKE...
LIKE THE FIRST
CLEAR DAY AFTER
A LONG, GREY
WINTER.

IF ONLY I
COULD SEE YOUR
EYES, KAREN.

I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT COLOR
THEY ARE...

I ALWAYS
THOUGHT
SO...

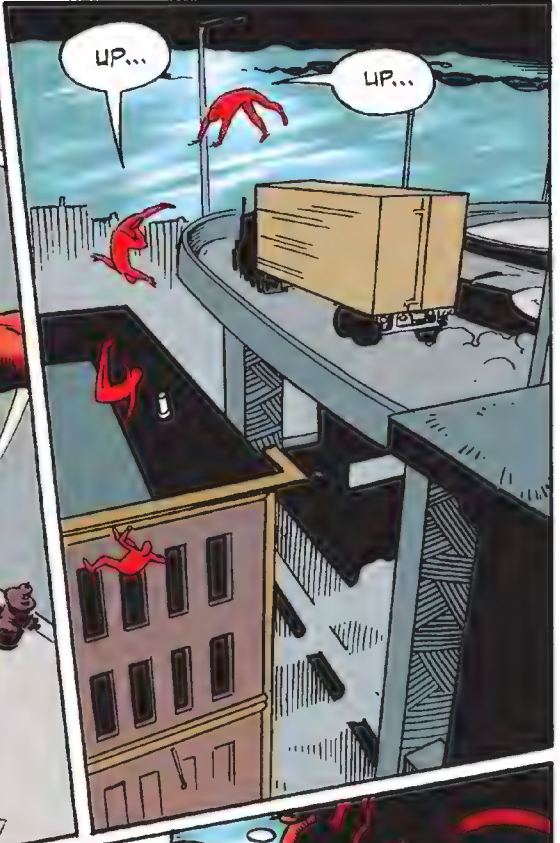
A DISCREET
AMOUNT OF
TIME LATER...



IS IT
JUST *ME*--OR
DOES LIFE NEVER
GET ANY BETTER
THAN *THIS*?

WHO'S HE
TALKIN' TO UP
THERE?

GOOMG



UP...

UP...

...AND
AWAY DOWN THE
HIGHWAY WE
GO!

DON'T MIND *ME*,
DRIVER! I'M ONLY GOING
AS FAR AS THE
MASON--



OoT OoT

Deep

VVMMM



??

THAT
CERTAINLY ISN'T
GEARS GRINDING--
AND IT'S COMING
FROM THAT **WATER-
FRONT WARE-
HOUSE**.

DOUBT ANYONE
ELSE CAN HEAR
IT OVER THE ROAD
NOISE. SOUNDS
LIKE A **RAMPAGING
BEAST**, ALMOST
LIKE--

--THE **HULK**!

HE DIDN'T GO
SAVAGE AGAIN,
DID HE? NO ONE
EVER TELLS ME
THESE THINGS!

GRAAAHR



ONLY **ONE**
WAY TO FIND
OUT! LOOKS LIKE
THIS IS A JOB
FOR--



--THE
AVENGERS!

BUT SINCE
THEY'RE NOT AROUND,
GUESS IT'S UP TO **ME!**

FROM THE **ECHOES** INSIDE, THIS
PLACE SOUNDS FAIRLY **EMPTY**.

CHEMICAL SMELL...
MUSTY... RIGHT BY THE
RIVER FOR QUICK AND
EASY **ILLEGAL**
DUMPING...

...MUST BE AN
OLD **OSBORN**
BUILDING.

TANG OF FRESH-
CRACKED **METAL**-- MY
MYSTERY DATE **FORCED**
HIS WAY IN.

AND JUST **WHO**
DO WE HAVE BEHIND
DOOR NUMBER **ONE?**

HEARTBEAT LIKE A
FREIGHT TRAIN... BREATHING
AS LABORED AS **DARTH VADERS**...
AVOIDS **PERSONAL HYGIENE**
PRODUCTS.

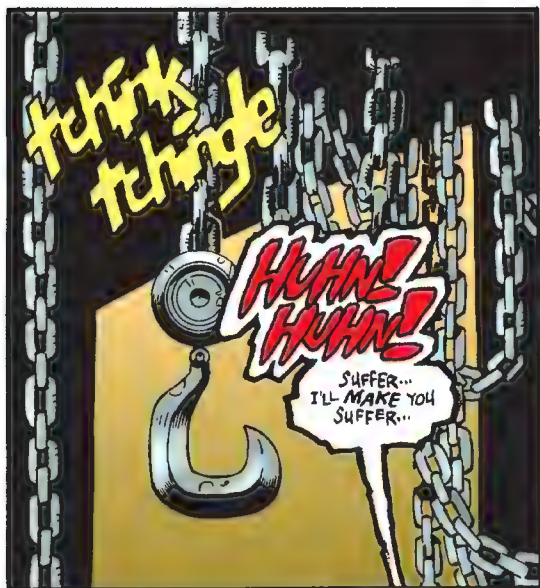
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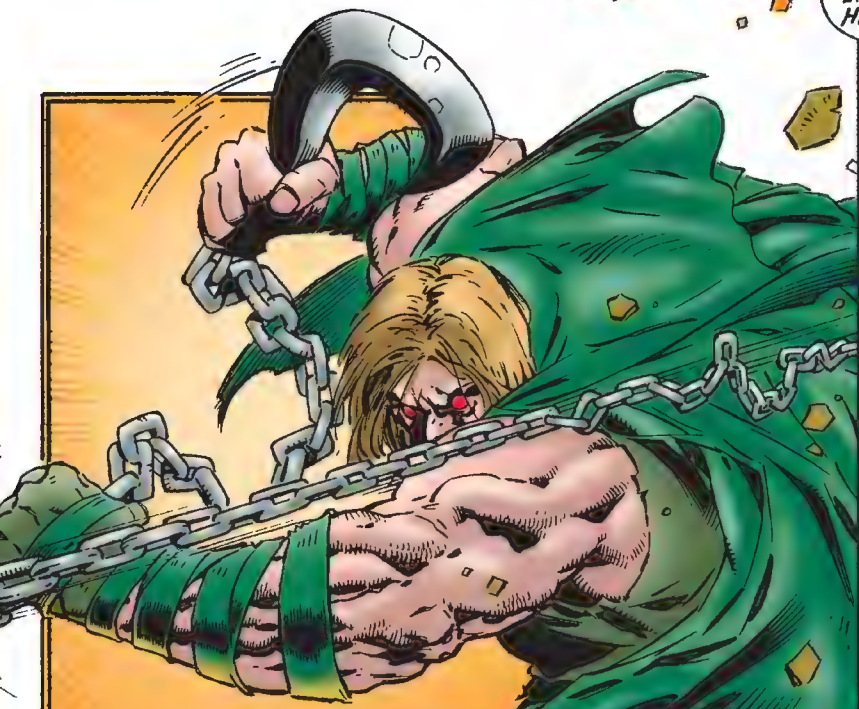
NOT THE **HULK**--
CLOSE, BUT...

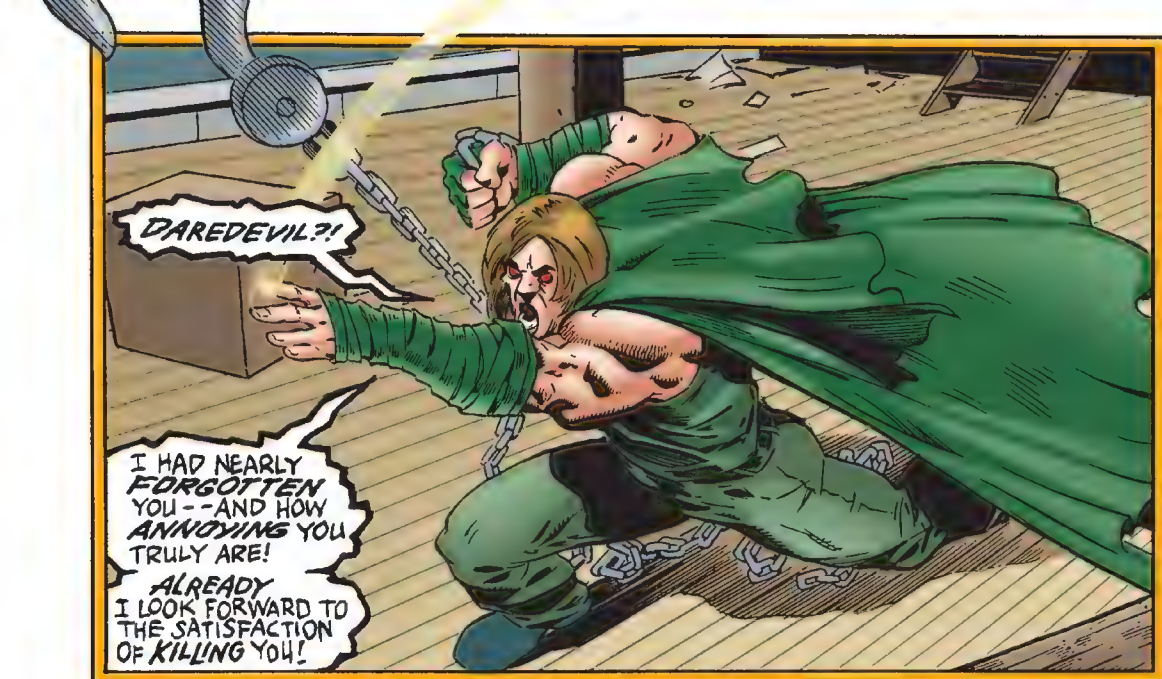
... BUT THIS'LL
REALLY MESS UP
MY EVENING
PLANS.





THAT'S WITH
A "Y", NOT AN "I"--IT'S NOT
LIKE I'M TELLING YOU TO GO
HIDE, I'M SAYING YOU ARE
HYDE, AND--

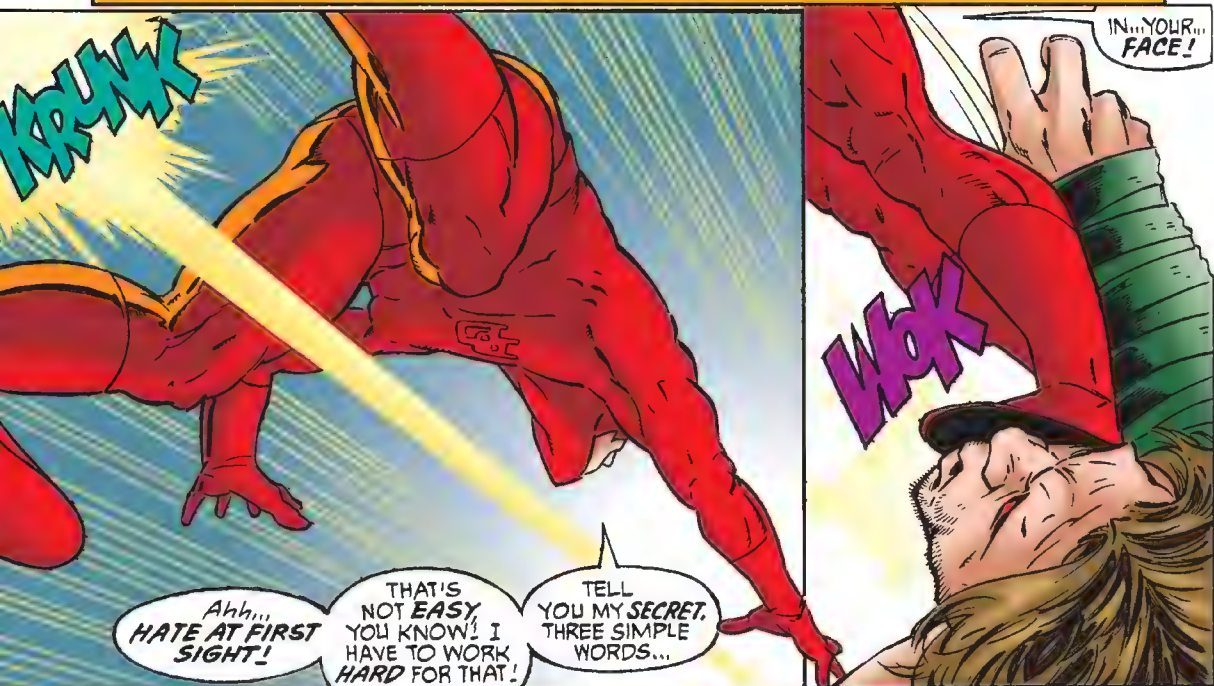




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I HAD NEARLY
FORGOTTEN
YOU--AND HOW
ANNOYING YOU
TRULY ARE!

ALREADY
I LOOK FORWARD TO
THE SATISFACTION
OF KILLING YOU!

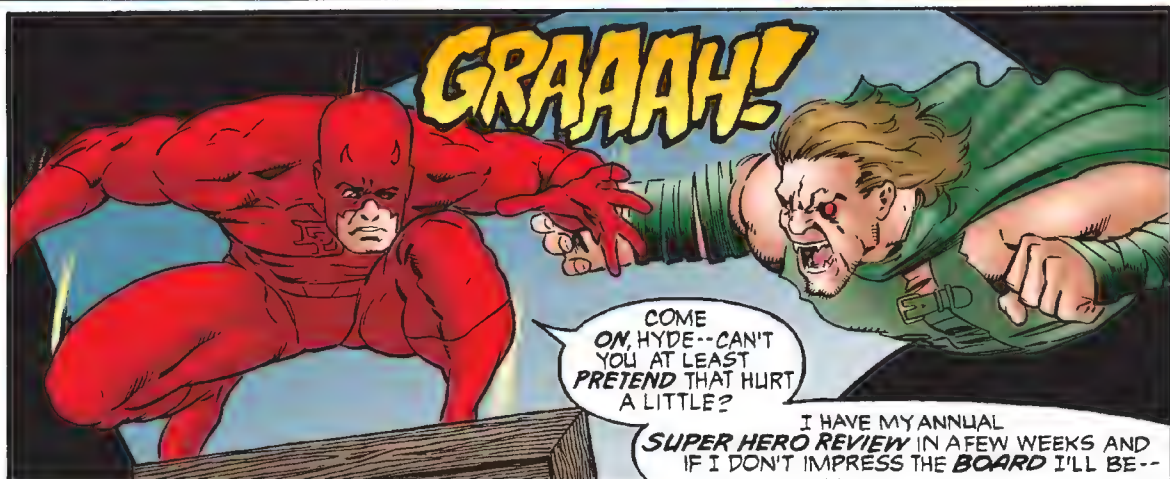


IN...YOUR...
FACE!

Ahh...
HATE AT FIRST
SIGHT!

THAT'S
NOT EASY
YOU KNOW! I
HAVE TO WORK
HARD FOR THAT!

TELL
YOU MY SECRET.
THREE SIMPLE
WORDS...



COME
ON, HYDE--CAN'T
YOU AT LEAST
PRETEND THAT HURT
A LITTLE?

I HAVE MY ANNUAL
SUPER HERO REVIEW IN A FEW WEEKS AND
IF I DON'T IMPRESS THE BOARD I'LL BE--

DEAD!

THRACK

WORSE
THAN THAT-- THEY'LL
DEMOTE ME TO KID
SIDEKICK!

AND AT THIS POINT
IN MY CAREER THAT'D
BE PRETTY DARN
EMBARRAS--

YOU'LL
BE DEAD!

KOOM

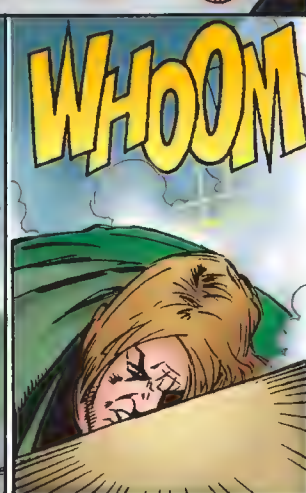
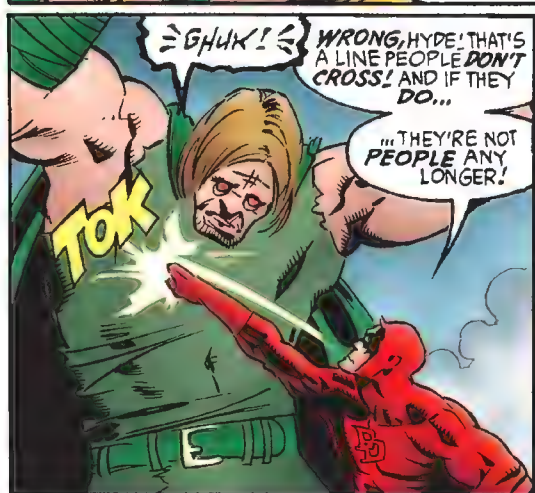
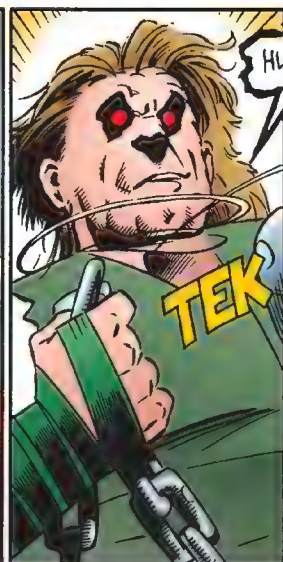
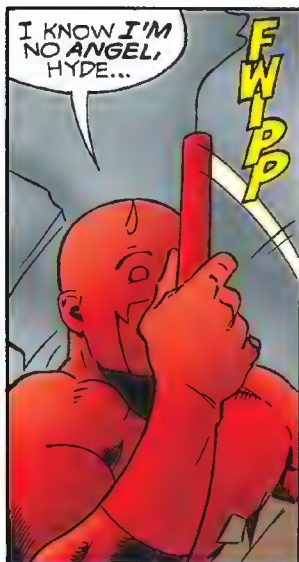
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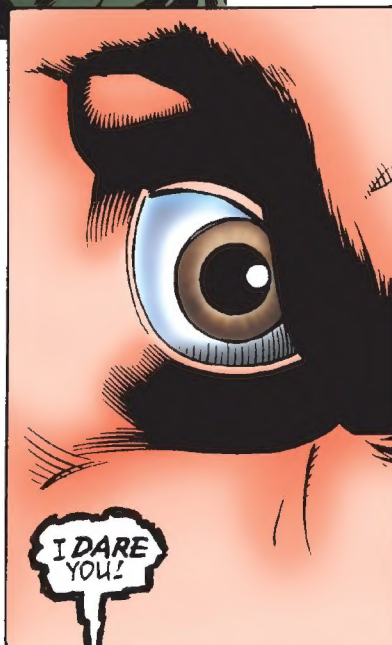
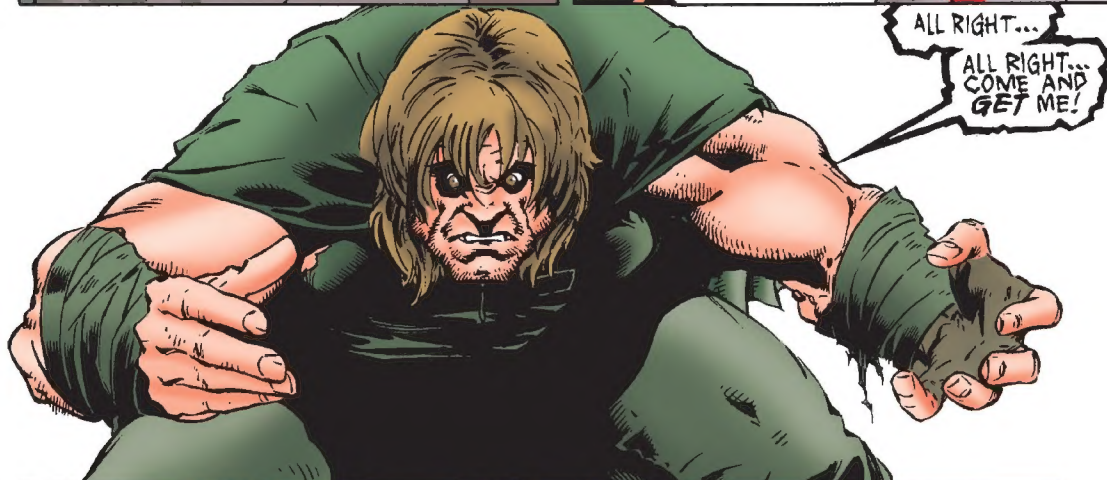
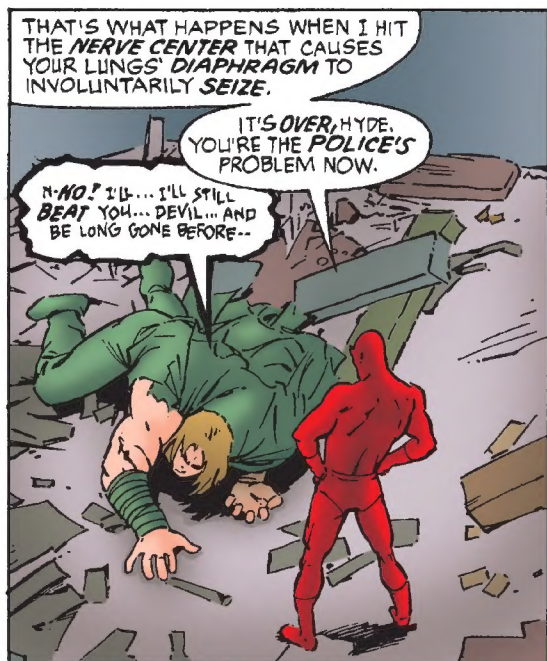
I GIVE YOU
MY WORD!

NGH!

TIKEESH



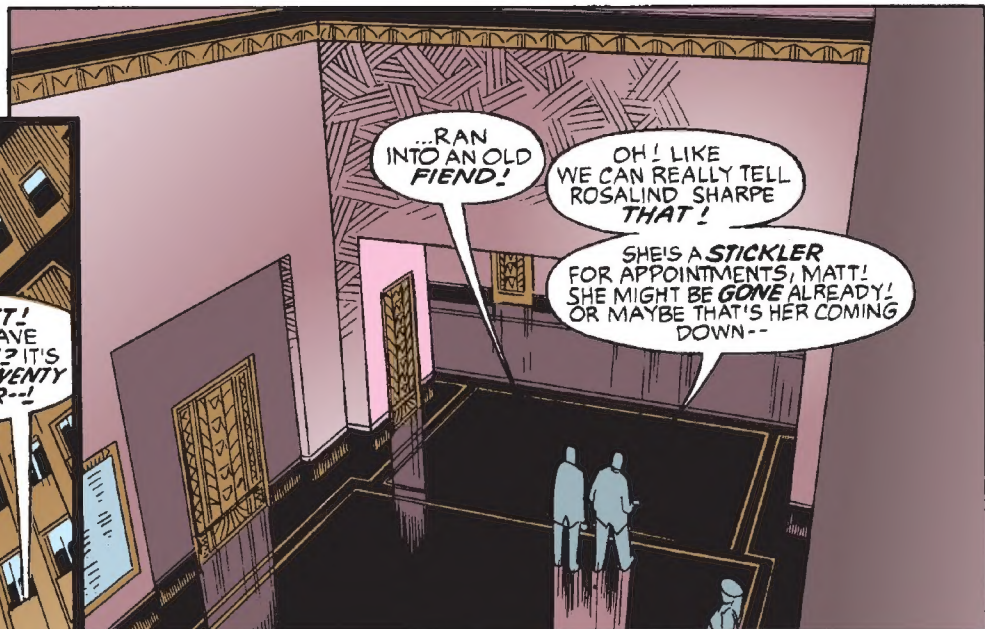






MATT!
WHERE HAVE
YOU *BEEN*? IT'S
ALMOST *TWENTY*
AFTER--!

SORRY,
FOGGY...



...RAN
INTO AN OLD
FIEND!

OH! LIKE
WE CAN REALLY TELL
ROSALIND SHARPE
THAT!

SHE'S A *STICKLER*
FOR APPOINTMENTS, MATT!
SHE MIGHT BE *GONE* ALREADY!
OR MAYBE THAT'S HER COMING
DOWN--



PARDON *ME*, GENTS!
COMING *THROUGH*!

--NOW?



HEY, *GUS*-- COLLEEN SWINGS BY THE OFFICE,
TELL HER SOMETHING CAME UP ON *CANAL*
STREET? *THANKS*!

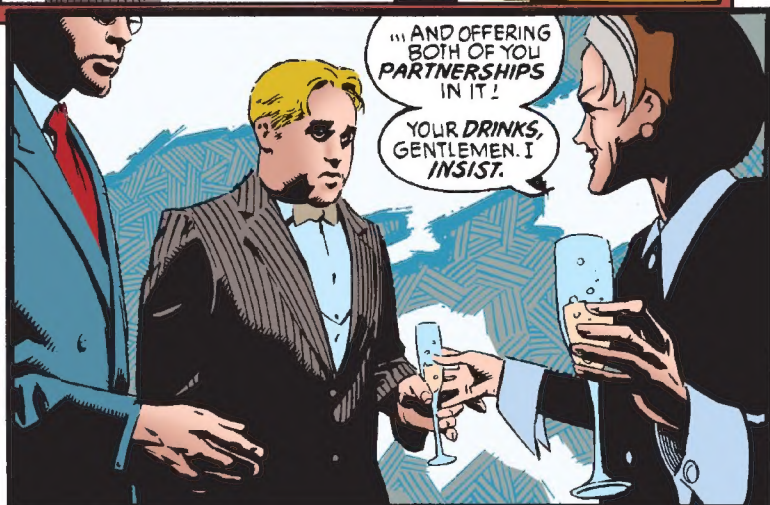
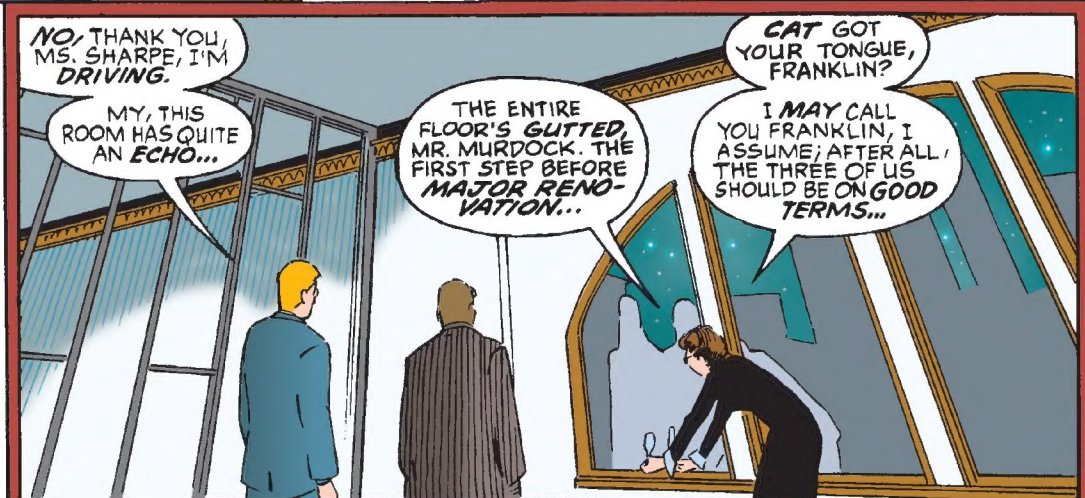
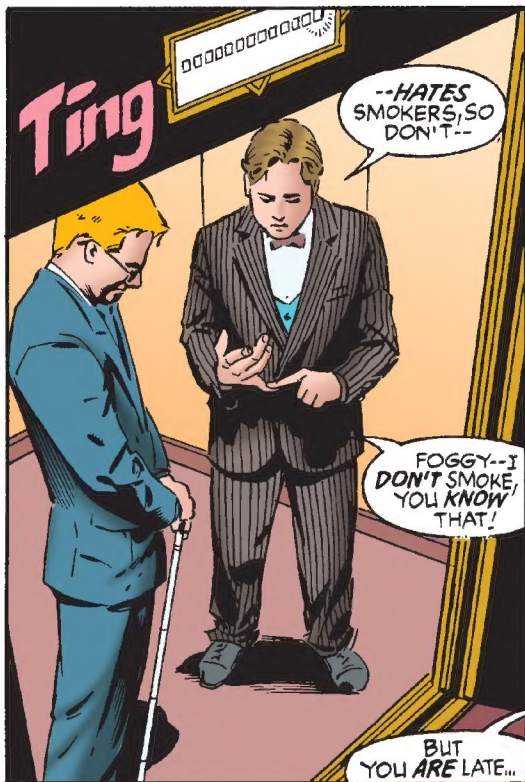
MY LIPS
TO HER EARS,
MISTY.



THAT
WASN'T RAZOR--
UNLESS SHE CARRIES
A *GUN*!

I WOULDN'T PUT
IT *PAST* HER...

OKAY, LISTEN.
FIRST--PUNCTUALITY.
I'LL SAY... I'LL SAY
OUR CAB HAD A
FLAT! *SECOND*--



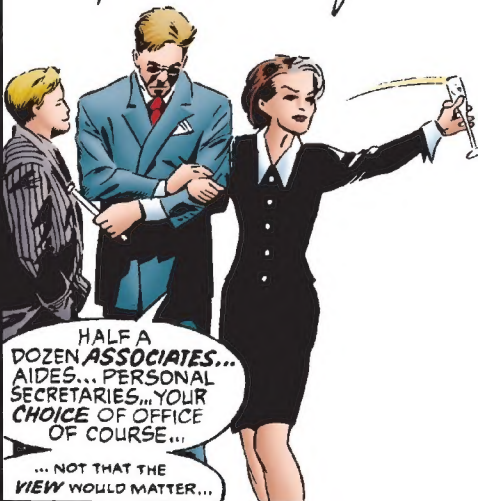


PARTNERSHIP...?

I...I **ACCEPT!**

I ALMOST **BELIEVE** THIS!
I FEEL LIKE I'M **DREAMING!**

AND HERE I
THOUGHT IT WAS
MR. MURDOCK
WHO HAD
FALLEN
ASLEEP.



HALF A
DOZEN **ASSOCIATES...**
AIDES... PERSONAL
SECRETARIES... YOUR
CHOICE OF OFFICE
OF COURSE...

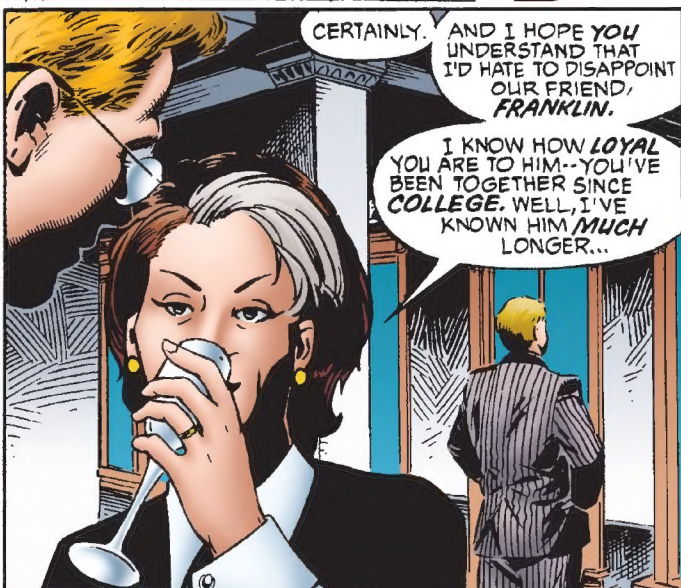
... NOT THAT THE
VIEW WOULD MATTER...



WELL, I'M
FLATTERED,
BUT...

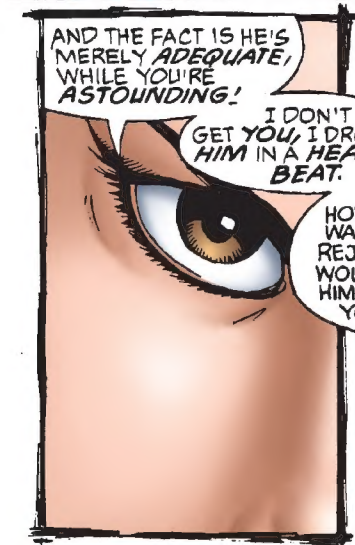
...BUT I LIKE THE
PERSONAL FEEL
OF A SMALL FIRM,
MS. SHARPE. A LOT
OF PEOPLE COMING
AND GOING...

...WOULDN'T **MIX**
WELL WITH THE WAY
I **HAVE** TO DO THINGS. I
HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND...



CERTAINLY. AND I HOPE YOU
UNDERSTAND THAT
I'D HATE TO DISAPPOINT
OUR FRIEND,
FRANKLIN.

I KNOW HOW **LOYAL**
YOU ARE TO HIM--YOU'VE
BEEN TOGETHER SINCE
COLLEGE. WELL, I'VE
KNOWN HIM **MUCH**
LONGER...

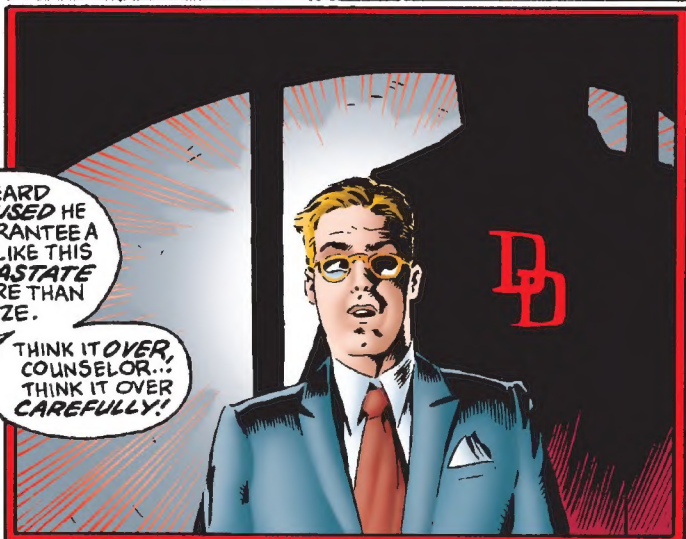


AND THE FACT IS HE'S
MERELY **ADEQUATE,**
WHILE YOU'RE
ASTOUNDING!

I DON'T
GET YOU, I DROP
HIM IN A **HEART-
BEAT.**

YOU HEARD
HOW **ENTHUSIASED** HE
WAS. I GUARANTEE A
REJECTION LIKE THIS
WOULD **DEVASTATE**
HIM FAR MORE THAN
YOU REALIZE.

THINK IT **OVER,**
COUNSELOR...
THINK IT **OVER
CAREFULLY!**



TO BE CONTINUED!